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Good Nonfiction

Philosophy and Religion

Bates, M. S. Religious liberty; an inquiry. Harper $3.50 **261**

Comprehensive, significant, authoritative study of religious liberty throughout the world, considered under the following headings: "The problems of religious liberty today," "The problems of religious liberty in history," "What is religious liberty?" "The grounds of religious liberty," "Religious liberty in law," "Conclusions and proposals." This timely survey, by the professor of history in Nanking University, China, has been accomplished under the auspices of a joint committee appointed by the Foreign Missions Conference of North America and the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. Of reference value. List of publications cited, index.

Cheney, Sheldon. Men who have walked with God; being the story of mysticism through the ages told in the biographies of representative seers and saints with excerpts from their writings and sayings. Knopf $3.75 **149.3**

Through the lives of "certain artists, poets and spiritual prophets who have been close to God in the special mystic way," Sheldon Cheney offers a readable and scholarly outline survey of historical mysticism to "the common reader." Full-length accounts are given of Buddha and his teachings, of Pythagoras, Plato and Plotinus and the flowering of Greek mysticism, of Christian mysticism from the founders to Saint Bernard, and of the contributions to mystic philosophy of Meister Eckhart, Fra Angelico, Jacob Boehme, Brother Lawrence and William Blake. Photographs. Reading list, index.

†Stimpson, G. W. A book about the Bible. Harper $3.50 **220**

The most frequently asked questions about the Bible are effectively answered in this reliable, popular storehouse of information, containing a series of short essays on many Biblical matters, ranging in length from a sentence or two to several pages. Presenting his material in random order, with sudden changes from topic to topic, the author quotes frequently from the Bible, the King James version, and bases his conclusions on the most authentic information afforded by scholarship and research. Both interesting reading and of reference value. Some of the text has been previously published in books, magazines and newspapers. Index.

Economics, Political Science, Education etc.

†Carr, E. H. Nationalism and after. Macmillan $1.25 **320.1**

The professor of international politics in the University College of Wales has made a trenchant, scholarly analy-

† Indicates books which while written for adults are suitable also for use in high school libraries.

sis of the immediate world problems created by adherence to nationalism, tracing its rise and development through three partly overlapping periods — from the 16th century to the French Revolution; from the French Revolution to 1914; and from 1914, with its beginnings in the political movement of 1870, up to 1939. The latter part of the book discusses the mechanics of international power and examines the common principles and purposes on which any international order must rest.

†Chatto, C. I. & Halligan, A. L. The story of the Springfield plan. Barnes & Noble $2.75 **370.974**

In textbook form, the curriculum director and the director of adult education in the Springfield, Mass., public schools provide a fuller, more detailed account of the Springfield plan than was given in the excellent picture-text presentation of J. W. Wise's *The Springfield plan* (*Bookmark*, November 1945). Following a description of the city's background, illustrative examples are employed to appraise what is actually being accomplished by closely relating the school and the community in natural, living situations. Concluding chapters are concerned with plans for a working democracy in the America of tomorrow and the kinds of materials that form the basis of the Springfield plan. Photographs on end papers and other photographs, black and white drawings.

Drake, St Clair, & Cayton, H. R. Black metropolis; a study of Negro life in a northern city. Harcourt $5 **325.26**

Based on careful research, this is an informing, valuable and disturbing survey of the origin and probable destiny of Chicago's Black Metropolis, a "city within a city," and of the significance of its virulent social problems to the American way of life. Using actual incidents and frequent quotations, the authors, an anthropologist-teacher and the director of Parkway Community House, Chicago, trace the development of the Negro community from its inception as a haven for escaped slaves through its later integration into the municipal political machine with resultant economic power up to its participation in the second World War. Maps, charts and graphs. Note by W. Lloyd Warner, notes and documentation, index.

Leighton, A. H. The governing of men; general principles and recommendations based on experience at a Japanese relocation camp. Princeton Univ. Press $3.75 **355.2**

Important volume by Lieutenant Commander Leighton, Medical Corps, U. S. N. R., revealing the methods of research and observation used in the Japanese relocation center at Poston, Ariz. Part I describes the evacuation of the Japanese from the West Coast, the gradual establishing of a self-governing social organization and the peaceful negotiation of a strike. Part II formulates principles for dealing with types, reactions to and control of stress and recommends tested ways of governing men, particularly in occupied areas. Maps, photographs, charts. List of references, history of the research project etc. in appendix, index.

Perry, R. B. One world in the making. Current Books $3 **321**

A cogent, lucid and enlightening appraisal of the "oneness of the world which has already come to pass — a oneness of contact and interdependence brought about mainly by scientific and technological changes; and . . . that oneness of the world which has yet to be achieved by organization and institutions." In discussing "the principles and methods by which men can hope to live safely and well in this greater world," the distinguished professor of philosophy at Harvard University considers the moral foundations and the political frame of world order, the world-wide rule of law, world economy, world culture and national culture, education and world citizenship. The book is the outgrowth of a series of lectures given at the Lowell Institute, Boston, in 1945. Notes, index.

†Stegner, Wallace, & the editors of Look. One nation. (Riverside Press bk) Houghton $3.75 **323.3**

Through numerous, striking photographs and the accompanying forceful, interpretive text, this important and timely survey makes graphic the un-

fairness of policies violating the rights of minority groups in this country and the evils of existing conditions and shows the responsibility of every American in the practical problems of democracy and for the welding of different races and creeds into one nation. Typical situations are dramatized to explain the economic, social and religious reasons behind discrimination against Filipinos, Japanese-Americans, the Chinese, Mexicans, Indians, Hispanos, Negroes, Catholics and Jews.

†**Wallace, H. A.** Sixty million jobs. Reynal; Simon $2; $1 *paper* **330.973**

In this forthright and stimulating book, the Secretary of Commerce uses facts and figures to prove that continuous full employment, as symbolized by sixty million jobs, is possible within our free-enterprise system and that "we can attain this goal without a Planned Economy, without disastrous inflation, and without an unbalanced budget that will endanger our national credit." Mr Wallace explains the high cost of failure, the economic interdependence of all groups in our national life, our backlog of new frontiers of abundance and the nation's budget for full employment, stressing the need for a reconciliation of "political and economic democracy in the service of the full life." Graphs and charts.

Philology

Brown, I. J. C. A word in your ear, and Just another word. Dutton $2.75 **422**

From his wartime reading Ivor Brown, editor of the *London Observer*, has collected several hundred "strange, beautiful and amusing" words by a method, "simple, personal and vagrant." In two anthologies, printed separately in England but as one volume here, he lists alphabetically English, American, Scottish or dialect words, including archaisms and obsolete terms as well as modern slang, commenting, with frequent quotations, on their origin and usage and giving his own special feeling for them. Delightful introductions, indexes.

Colcord, J. C. Sea language comes ashore. Cornell Maritime Press $2.25 **427**

Not intended as a comprehensive dictionary of sea terms, but as "a record of words and phrases developed at sea which have thereafter had some currency upon the land, either in a literal sense . . . or figuratively and with completely different application," this is an informing, attractive work from which emanates the pungent tang of the sea. Arranged alphabetically, each sea term is accompanied by a brief explanatory paragraph. Black and white decorations by Larry.

Natural Science and Useful Arts

†**Allen, J. S.** Astronomy. (What everyone should know) Bobbs $2.50 **520**

A popular and interesting, scientifically accurate introduction to the study of astronomy, giving a general picture of the solar system and a more detailed explanation of the sun, the planets and the constellations. The author, director of the Division of Higher Education, New York State Education Department, also describes the telescope and how it works, the moon, meteors, meteorites and comets and an imaginary rocket trip. Decorated end papers. The photographs, numerous explanatory diagrams and drawings are a helpful supplement to the text. Index.

†**Andrews, R. C.** Meet your ancestors; a biography of primitive man. Viking Press $3 **572**

The distinguished naturalist, Roy Chapman Andrews, presents in this fascinating, lucid account of human evolution, "what is known to date, from actual specimens, about the physical development, home life, and environment of primitive man," giving only the conclusions reached by eminent scientists, with as little as possible of the technical evidence. The book describes vividly some of the author's own expeditions and the drama and adventure of exploration and excavation and concludes with the establishment of our own species. Family tree of man depicted on end papers, map, chart and line drawings by Thomas Voter. Bibliography, index.

Black, M. E. Key to weaving. Bruce $5 **677**

An instructor in weaving in psychiatric occupational therapy and director

of the handcraft program in Nova Scotia offers the beginning weaver a comprehensive manual on hand-weaving technics and pattern drafts. Weaving is reduced to its simplest terms while the material is presented in logical sequence as one technic or pattern naturally evolves from another. There are chapters on weaving homespuns and rag rugs and a table of articles to be woven, with suggested materials, threading, sleying etc. Fully illustrated with drawings and photographs. Glossary of weaving terms, weaving terms in foreign languages, bibliography, index.

†Dietz, David. Atomic energy in the coming era. Dodd $2 **541.2**

What is atomic energy? What does it mean for the future of America and the world? In nontechnical language, the science editor of the Scripps-Howard newspapers seeks an answer to these questions, evaluating for the layman the impact of this new source of power on industry, transportation and life in general, sketching in the background of atomic theory and recounting the experiments in atom smashing which resulted in the atomic bomb. Later chapters describe the development of the atomic bomb during the war, the bombing of Hiroshima, present problems and the potentialities of the coming Era of Atomic Energy. Photographs, portrait sketches and diagrams. President Truman's report on the atomic bomb, the nuclear system of notation and the atomic table in appendixes.

Atomic energy for military purposes by Henry De Wolf Smyth (Princeton Univ. Press $2; $1 *paper* **662.2**) is the official report of the development of the atomic bomb, under the auspices of the United States Government, 1940–45, written at the request of Major General L. K. Groves. Requiring a background understanding of the physical sciences, the book gives an excellent account of the series of experiments which have led to our present knowledge of atomic structure. Plates, tables, diagrams. Obtainable in pamphlet form from U. S. Superintendent of Documents at 35 cents.

Graves, George. Trees, shrubs, and vines for the Northeastern United States. Oxford Univ. Press $3 **582**

The associate editor of *Horticulture* presents a practical, easy-to-use handbook on woody plants suitable for home grounds and gardens, for roadside development and for use in rock gardens and similar limited areas. Alphabetically arranged by genera are the species or garden forms that best express particular lines of desirable variation, with short description, suggestions for culture and propagation and occasional pest control measures. Lists of trees, shrubs and vines are followed by chapters on the purchase of plant materials and on pruning. Photographs and drawings.

†Loveridge, Arthur. Reptiles of the Pacific world. (Pacific world ser.) Macmillan $3 **598.1**

Treats in detail of the more abundant or conspicuous forms of reptiles of the Pacific, dealing more fully with the species occurring west of New Guinea, from the Dutch East Indies to Japan. The reptiles' temperament, breeding habits, favorite food and enemies and methods of defense against them are interestingly described, while information is also given on the shipment and collecting of reptiles. Map on end papers, chart showing distribution, black and white drawings. List of useful English works on Oriental herpetology, index.

†Merrill, E. D. Plant life of the Pacific world. (Pacific world ser.) Macmillan $3.50 **581.99**

In this readable study of the plant life of the Pacific, the Arnold professor of botany at Harvard University explains for the layman the essential principles of botanical classification and gives general sketches of such plant formations as the primary forest, the secondary forest and open grassland, the mangrove swamp and the strand vegetation. The region covered extends from the Aleutians to Hawaii, to the Galápagos and westward to include all of the Malay Archipelago. Map on end papers, charts, plant drawings in black and white. Bibliography, directions for preparing botanical specimens, botanical arrangement of the species, glossary, index.

Nelson, George, & Wright, H. M. Tomorrow's house; how to plan your post-war home now. Simon $3 **643**

Believing that a house should be a reasonable and attractive framework for a family's activities, the editors of *Architectural Forum*, authors of this provocative and useful book, explore the myriad possibilities offered by contemporary living habits and industrial technics and show some of the ways they can be used to make the home an integrated, highly individual expression of 20th century living. Excellent photographs and drawings supplement the text as it offers rich suggestions for building or remodeling, takes up the problems of space, solar heating, light control, organized storage, sound conditioning etc. List of architects and designers whose work appears in the book.

Rodale, J. I. Pay dirt; farming and gardening with composts. Devin-Adair $3 **631.8**

Addressed chiefly to the general farmer, but emphasizing the value of compost gardening to amateurs, this timely and practical volume shows the importance of composts in repairing deficiencies of the soil and shows the results of its use on crop production, on livestock and on the health of man. How to make a compost heap, the dangers of chemical fertilizers, safe means of checking insects and disease in gardens and good and bad practices in farming are among the subjects treated. Photograph frontispiece. Bibliography.

†**T'an, Pei-ying.** The building of the Burma road. (Whittlesey House pub.) McGraw $2.75 **625.7**

Straightforward, absorbing account of the building of the Burma Road, stressing the devotion and self-sacrifice of untold thousands of Chinese men and women helpers. In addition to his descriptions of the extraordinary surveying job preceding construction, the many problems created by workers of different nationalities and the complex traffic difficulties surmounted, the author, former managing director of the Yunnan-Burma Highway Engineering Administration, sketches in the history of the country through which the road passed — a region "of contrasts in people and customs, in climate and landscape." Map and profile of the road.

†**Teale, E. W.** The lost woods, adventures of a naturalist. Dodd $4 **574**

A somber woods, visited when a small boy and never seen again, became to the author "the symbol of all the veiled and fascinating secrets of the out-of-doors" and the starting point of his absorption in the world of nature. Carrying over into his text the fascinating information he himself has learned through his interest in natural history, Mr Teale recollects his varied experiences and observations in a succession of chapters dealing with adventures in a mangrove wilderness, a ghost forest by moonlight, the activities in a moldering bee tree, the aerial parade of migrating hawks. Some of the material has appeared in magazines. Decorated end papers, 200 excellent photographs. Index.

Williams, R. J. What to do about vitamins. Univ. of Oklahoma Press $1 **641**

Succinct, lucid, authoritative presentation of the science of nutrition by the director of the Biochemical Institute of the University of Texas and discoverer of pantothenic acid. "The means of obtaining vitamins as well as the facts and principles underlying our need for them, are outlined so that the reader may develop expertness in the choice of foods and in deciding when and if vitamins should be purchased." Especially valuable are the suggestions for "metering" foods for vitamin and mineral content. Tables, graphs, charts. Food constituents required in addition to *fuels* listed in appendix.

†**Wolfe, Bernard.** Plastics. (What everyone should know) Bobbs $2.50 **668**

A popular and informing volume by the editor of *Mechanix Illustrated* on the "magical materials" which are revolutionizing industry. The development of plastics, how they are made from wood, coal, oil and farm products, "plastic sandwiches," bonded plywood and synthetic rubber and the composition of nylon, plastics as medicine and

their future possibilities are treated. Photograph frontispiece and other photographs, diagrams. Glossary, bibliography, industry guide, index.

New plastics by H. R. Simonds & others (Van Nostrand $4.50 **668**) is a more technical survey of the plastics field, containing a condensed review of the industry prior to 1940 and a complete survey of materials and processes devised in the past five years. The composition, properties and uses of established new materials are analyzed, while improvements in materials, new fibers and adhesives, new applications of wood and paper, synthetic rubber and plastic trends are discussed in detail. Photograph frontispiece in color and other photographs in black and white, diagrams. Tables, formulas in appendix, index.

Fine Arts

American Academy of Political and Social Science. Building the future city; ed. by R. B. Mitchell. (*Annals*, November 1945) The Academy $2.50; $2 *paper* **711**

Reflecting "whatever can be seen of probable technical and cultural development," these well-written, authoritative articles on city planning for the future, edited by the executive director, Philadelphia City Planning Commission, consider such aspects of the problem as population trends and city growth, industrial expansion and location, natural resources and urban development, citizen participation in city planning, educational, cultural and recreational services, health and welfare services and changing city patterns. Figures, tables. Index.

†**Cox, D. E.** (*Mrs* **G. H. Thomas) & Weismann, B. W.** Creative hands; an introduction to craft techniques. Wiley $3.75 **745**

Simple, concise methods of procedure in a wide variety of crafts are provided for the novice in this attractive volume by two faculty members of the University of Minnesota. Valuable introductory material on taste, design and color precedes the detailed, complete chapters dealing with embroidery, accessories such as bags, belts and buttons, mittens, caps and hoods, with wooden bowls, tea tiles and boxes, block printing, stenciling and batik, hooked rugs, patchwork, appliqué work, portfolios and metalwork. Many of the articles can be made with almost no equipment. A quarto with numerous clear photographs and diagrams. Bibliography, index.

†**Davis, E. C.** Amateur theater handbook; a complete guide to successful play production. Greenberg $3 **792**

A practical handbook on the problems of the amateur theater, recommending specific procedures which have been thoroughly tested by the author, an instructor in high school dramatics, and by other experts in the field. Among the topics dealt with are the theater plant, the organization of a production staff, selection of the play and cast, rehearsal and performance, step-by-step procedure for building and painting a unit set, stage lighting and business management. Numerous diagrams and drawings. Sample prompt book pages, occasional bibliographies at chapter ends, glossary, index.

†**Geiringer, Karl.** Musical instruments; their history in western culture from the stone age to the present; tr. by Bernard Miall. Oxford Univ. Press $4 **780**

Based on 20 years of teaching experience, this comprehensive, authoritative volume by Doctor Geiringer, professor of the history and theory of music at Boston University, introduces the layman to the development of musical instruments and provides valuable background for the student and musician. The chapters, covering the seven great historic epochs from antiquity to the present, begin with summaries of cultural and artistic trends and discussions of the different instruments follow. Acoustic and technical principles are treated in an introduction. Photograph frontispiece and other photographs, diagrams and drawings. Bibliography, index.

†**Harper, Frank.** Skiing for the millions. Longmans $3 **796**

Enthusiastic, practical consideration of skiing and ski mountaineering by an expert skier and alpinist who advocates mass participation in the sport. The swiftly-paced text deals with the importance of skiing in war and in peace, the art of jumping, suitable equipment,

the technic of skiing, types of snow, avalanches and glaciers and adequate preparation for ski touring and mountaineering. Beautiful full-page photographs and many diagrams and drawings. Directory of National Ski Patrol Systems, index.

Spaeth, S. G. At home with music. Doubleday $3.50 **780**

Addressed both to the novice and the trained music lover, this suggestive, popular work on music appreciation varies in scope from discussions of rhythm, melody and tone color to explanations of the symphony orchestra and chamber music and musical history. A section on "Your radio-phonograph," by Frank Freimann. Chapter II, "Your children are musical," appeared originally in *Parents' Magazine*. Sixteen full-page colored photographs. Brief biographies of great composers, list of records for children, glossary of common musical terms, index.

Literature

Curtis, C. P. jr, & Greenslet, Ferris, *eds.* The practical cogitator; or, The thinker's anthology. Houghton $3 **808.8**

Of varying length and including ancient and modern writings, with some new translations by Mr Curtis, the selections in this fresh, provocative compilation of pegs on which to hang further thoughts forms "a sort of cerebral Coast Pilot" to prose and verse pieces worth rereading. Excerpts are grouped in 13 sections under such headings as "Man in search of himself," "He solicits his past," "He turns to nature," "He lives with his fellows," "They must have peace, security and liberty." Decorations by Edwin Earle. Index.

Hannum, *Mrs* **A. P.** Spin a silver dollar. Viking Press $3.75 **818**

In 1938, the Lippincotts, a young couple inexperienced but enthusiastic about the country, bought Wide Ruins, an old dilapidated Indian Trading Post in the Arizona desert. During the four years described in this engaging chronicle, the experimenting young traders won the trust of the Navahos through fair dealing and genuine friendliness, prevailed upon the women to return to the old tribal patterns in rugmaking and saw to it that Jimmy, the shy, talented little Indian boy, might develop and paint his pictures of the animals of the desert in his own primitive way. Well-selected and varied incidents reveal Navaho characteristics, their attitude to the white race, their religion and ceremonies, while many of Jimmy's pictures, with their color, their rhythm and balance, are scattered through the text.

†**McCord, D. T. W.,** *ed.* What cheer. Coward $3.50 **827**

A comprehensive, gay and entertaining anthology of American and British humorous and witty verse, including "the elder great masters" as well as new and unknown poets. The arrangement is by subject under such headings as "Derring-do & done," "Epicures & feeders," "Incense and nonsense," "Invective and epigram," "Tobacco & trout," "Tombstone & twilight." Occasional sources and notes, indexes of authors and titles and of first lines.

Musselman, M. M. Wheels in his head, father and his inventions. (Whittlesey House pub.) McGraw $2.50 **817**

Breezy, amusing chronicle picturing an inventor's mind at work and the hazardous, unsettling affair that life as a member of his family can be. Even in his boyhood on the farm, "A. J.," the author's father, was started off on a mental tangent by anything with wheels attached, and over the years he danced a jig between bankruptcy and wealth as he turned out such failures as Rock-a-Baby, the Electric Nurse, a masterpiece of ingenuity until it emptied A. J.'s son and heir onto the floor and such successes as his bicycle coaster brake. Hilarious pen and ink sketches illustrate crises in the incubation of father's ideas.

Orcutt, W. D. From my library walls; a kaleidoscope of memories. Longmans $3 **818**

Weaving into his brief, polished essays history, anecdote and his own happy adventures while purchasing books or pictures, William Dana Orcutt lets his memory play over the framed paintings, photographs and drawings that grace his library walls. Literary figures and foreign scenes are

charmingly introduced as the reader is taken on a magic carpet to England, Italy and way stations, to France and America. Many of the sketches appeared originally in *The Christian Science Monitor*. Portrait frontispiece. Names of persons and places.

†Pearson, H. S. Country flavor. (Whittlesey House pub.) McGraw $2.75 **818**

Redolent of the beauty of the out-of-doors, these 75 brief essays are chosen from Haydn Pearson's occasional editorials in the *New York Times*. From early Spring when "sap's starting," through picklin' time, harness day, the rolling of roads after a winter's storm and the coming of the seed catalogs, the poetically written pieces span the countryman's year and recall the customs and spirit of New England. Fine photographs of country scenes.

Williams, Tennessee. The glass menagerie; a play. Random House $2 **812**

Delicate and tenuous yet warm, beautiful and shot through with poetic imagination, this "memory play" is the poignant story of Amanda Wingfield, who, though she lives foolishly in her illusions, strives unceasingly to plan and safeguard the future of her shy, crippled daughter, always fearing that Tom, her son, will desert their poverty-stricken tenement and seek adventure as his father did before him. What happens when Amanda, hope springing anew, tries to marry the sensitive Laura, as fragile as the little animals in her glass collection, to a nice, ordinary young man brings this original play to its moving climax.

History

Booker, E. L. (*Mrs* J. S. Potter), & Potter, J. S. Flight from China. Macmillan $2.50 **951**

Sketching briefly her years as a correspondent in the gay, exciting Shanghai of the 1920's, Edna Lee Booker writes also of her marriage to John S. Potter, an American business man, of protective "Old Amah" and of the days and nights of bombing and the sufferings of Shanghai's millions when Japanese vandals brought devastation to China. In the latter part of the book, Mr Potter describes his experiences after Pearl Harbor at Shanghai and in an internment camp and includes the diary of his journey home. Black and white frontispiece and chapter heads by Peggy Bacon.

†Casey, R. J. Battle below; the war of the submarines. Bobbs $3.50 **940.54**

A detailed, absorbing, authoritative volume on the submarine and the part it played in the second World War, written in 1943 but, for reasons of security, withheld from publication until the present time. Submarine history and firsthand observation of how "this strangely complicated weapon" operates are interlarded with accounts of incredibly hazardous, adventurous exploits, told often in the words of the resilient, tolerant and tireless young men who fight the "battle below." Photographs. Additional data in appendix including glossary.

†De Chair, S. S. The golden carpet. Harcourt $3.50 **940.54**

As intelligence officer to the 4th Cavalry Brigade, Captain de Chair took part in the fabled march of 750 men from the Mediterranean across the desert to capture Baghdad when the Iraqi under Raschid Ali revolted in 1941 against the British. His spirited, authentic account of the romantic, amazing adventure is crowded with incident and color, his portraits of leaders and soldiers vivid, and the descriptions of the countryside memorable. Map on end papers, portrait frontispiece and other photographs. Index.

Gillmore, Margalo, & Collinge, Patricia. The B. O. W. S. Harcourt $2.50 **940.54**

When Katharine Cornell agreed to head a theatrical company to go overseas, she chose *The Barretts of Wimpole Street*. A great deal of headshaking and prophecy of failure on the part of the USO and others finally infected the members of the cast with an overpowering fear lest the troops laugh at a play about middle-aged poets. This zestful narrative, based on the letters of Margalo Gillmore, one of the unit, is a humorous, informing record of the B. O. W. S.' many and varied experiences and vicissitudes, joys and satisfactions in Italy and France as they

played with the greatest success in rest camps, in hospitals and up near the front for combat men. Photographs.

†**Horan, J. D.** Action tonight; the story of the destroyer O'Bannon in the Pacific. Putnam $2.50 **940.54**

How the green, untried crew of the American destroyer, the "O'Bannon," and her inexperienced officers showed their mettle at Guadalcanal, scoring three torpedo hits on a Japanese battleship and later boldly engaged two other men of war with gunfire and how, with her sister ships of the "tin-can fleet," she encountered danger valiantly while under constant, heavy enemy barrage, is told in this moving, heartening account of gallantry in action. Map on end papers, photograph frontispiece and other photographs. Printing of Presidential Unit Citation and list of officers and men.

†**Marriott, A. L.** The ten grandmothers. (Civilization of the American Indian, no. 26) Univ. of Oklahoma Press $3 **970.3**

A collection of 33 authentic folk tales and sketches that interpret the tribal culture, the ceremonies and characteristics of the Kiowas of Western Oklahoma, whose legends center in ten medicine bundles, known as the Ten Grandmothers. Blending humor with pathos and scholarship with readability, Miss Marriott, an ethnologist, relates how the young sons of a famous warrior go hunting for "power," how a bride obtains her first tipi, how Sitting Bear loses his favorite son, and how a college-trained girl returns home from the East, only to go "back to the blanket." Map. Kiowa calendars, bibliography.

Palencia, Isabel de. Smouldering freedom; the story of the Spanish republicans in exile. Longmans $3 **946**

The author of *I must have liberty* (*Bookmark,* March 1941) writes with deep emotion of the fate of her Spanish compatriots after the breakdown of the democratic republican government in 1936. Briefly summarizing the war against the Fascists, she tells of her own eventual escape to a hospitable Mexico with her husband and sons, of the difficult experiences but staunch determination of Spanish Republicans in France, Sweden and other lands of exile and of the heroic deeds of the guerrilla fighters, struggling for the reconquest of Spain for liberty and democracy. Notes, index.

Peattie, D. C. Immortal village. Univ. of Chicago Press $3 **944.94**

Steeped in the history of the little Provençal town of Vence, where he lived in the late 1920's, Donald Culross Peattie came to think of the small, obscure village as "a microcosm of the history of Europe," for, destroyed again and again by internecine quarrel over the centuries, it was always rebuilt and bears witness to the fact that "nothing material is indestructible, but the spirit in man is." In beautiful prose and with deep feeling for the significance of personality and event, the book traces Vence's story from the Stone and Iron Ages to the end of feudal sovereignty in 1834. Map on end papers and fine woodblocks by Paul Landacre as frontispiece and chapter heads. Chronologies at chapter ends.

Rosinger, L. K. China's crisis. Knopf $3 **951**

The Foreign Policy Association's research associate on the Far East presents a "well-rounded, realistic view of China," describing her accomplishments in war and analyzing the critical nature of present problems. Mr Rosinger discusses with penetration and frankness China's trend toward democracy, her need for internal unity, the radical peasant movements and communism, her new position in international affairs as one of the Big Four, and advocates flexibility in American policy toward a progressive China. Folding map frontispiece. Index.

Roth, Andrew. Dilemma in Japan. Little $2.50 **952**

Emphasizing the need for a defeated Japan to take the road "away from aggressive, repressive militarism and toward a peaceful and democratic solution" of her problems, this forthright volume analyzes Japan's historic concepts and attitudes and the United States policy toward Japan. The influence of the "Zaibatsu" (plutocracy or moneyed group), Hirohito's status,

the labor movement, postwar prospects and reeducation for Japan are among the subjects considered. Bibliography, index.

Rowse, A. L. The English spirit; essays in history and literature. Macmillan $2.75 **942**

Steeped in English history, tradition and literature, these scholarly, delightful essays, composed over a period of years by a Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford, express the author's pride in and deep love for both English life and letters. Mr Rowse writes with leisurely, charming informality of the subtle, intangible quality of the English spirit, of the serenity of the countryside, of the idea of patriotism, of the old music school at Oxford and of such peculiarly English personalities as Winston Churchill, Queen Elizabeth, John Pym, Jonathan Swift, William and Dorothy Wordsworth, Carlyle and Macaulay. Some of the essays and reviews have been previously printed in magazines. Index.

†Sayre, Joel. Persian Gulf command; some marvels on the road to Kazvin. Random House $2 **940.54**

Between December 1942 and December 1944, the Persian Gulf Command, under Major General Connolly, delivered to Russia across "that queer, drear, roasting land of Iran" four and a half-million long tons of everything a fighting people needs, from arms and food, clothing and medicine to the equipment for an entire Ford plant. How this herculean task was accomplished, with the aid of friendly natives, is recounted in fresh, colorful, humorous chapters which include bits of history and descriptions of the country, its customs and its people. Most of the material has appeared in *The New Yorker*. Photographic reproductions of paintings by Bruce Mitchell.

Schlesinger, A. M. jr. The age of Jackson. Little $5 **973.5**

The outgrowth of a series of lectures delivered at the Lowell Institute in 1944, this is a brilliant and scholarly re-creation, analysis and interpretation of the Jacksonian period, studded with vivid portraits of leading contemporary figures and showing, through frequent quotations, the significance of the pre-Civil War democratic movement for the world today. Examining politics in terms of ideas, the book deals with such topics as the beginning of the bank war, radicalism in New York State, the rise of "locofocoism" and Jacksonian democracy as an intellectual movement and in relation to law, industrialism, religion and literature. Brief appendix, bibliography, index.

Vlekke, B. H. M. Evolution of the Dutch nation. Roy $3.50 **949.2**

An "interpretation of the events and forces that have brought the Dutch nation into being and determined its world-embracing activity in past ages and the present time", that is authoritative, illuminating and readable. In an epilog on Netherland participation in the second World War, Doctor Vlekke, professor of history and Secretary General of the Netherland Government Historical Institute in Rome, shows how the people of this small nation have maintained their great traditions of thoroughness, prudence, "unshakable confidence in their own conception of the good life," deep religious faith, tolerance and yearning for social justice. Map on end papers. Notes, bibliography, index.

†Wertenbaker, G. P. (Green Peyton, *pseud.*). 5,000 miles towards Tokyo. Univ. of Oklahoma Press $2.50 **940.54**

Straightforward, absorbing account of the effective offensive action of escort-carrier Air Group 60 that took part in every important Pacific invasion from the Gilbert Islands to the Philippines. In giving a day-to-day picture of life on the sturdy escort carrier, the "Suwannee," the author, an air combat information officer, provides sharp, intimate portraits of the officers and men, describing the strategy and tactics of the amphibious campaigns between October 1943 and November 1944 and individual heroic exploits in various sea and air battles. Map on end papers, photographs. Roster of pilots and air crewmen, index.

Description and Travel

†**Atwood, W. W.** The Rocky mountains. (American mountain ser.) Vanguard Press $3.75 **917.8**

As President Atwood of Clark University describes a typical camping trip in the Rockies, which he loves and knows thoroughly from numerous field expeditions in its wilderness areas, he introduces the reader to the geology of the region and gives the history of the mountain range. With mellow wisdom he writes not only of the art of camping and its adventure but also of the last Great Ice Age, of prospecting in the bonanza days, of Indians and ranchmen and of the Rocky Mountain national parks. A beautifully printed book, with folding relief map and other maps, photographs, decorative black and white drawings by Eugene Kingman and cross section drawings by Dr Erwin Raisz. Geologic calendar, bibliography, index.

Gibbings, Robert. Lovely is the Lee. Dutton $3 **914.15**

Walking the roads and narrow lanes among the mountains, in the valley lands and in the wild rocky country of Ireland, Robert Gibbings found human kindness beyond the telling. In this flowing narrative, as lovely as the river Lee itself, appear stories, in the lilting Irish speech, of fairies, traditions and folk tales, together with descriptions of the author's visits to cities and cottages, to haunted islands, ancient ruined castles, or perhaps to the Galway races or a bit of a dance. Distinguished in format, the text is further enhanced by the author-artist's engravings.

Kupper, *Mrs* **Winifred.** Golden hoof; the story of the sheep of the Southwest. Knopf $2.75 **917.64**

When a girl in her teens, the author of this colorful, informing book on the Southwestern sheep learned about their management on the ranch of a favorite old kinsman, Robert Maudslay. Recounting not only Maudslay's experiences as a herder in the old days, but also those of other sheepmen, Mrs Kupper provides authentic history about the development of the sheep industry in this region, portraying the picturesque Mexican, Indian or Spanish pastor and his American brother, the sheepherder, and the sheepherder's many difficulties with wolf packs, coyotes, blizzards, droughts and prairie fires. Printed on yellow paper with photograph frontispiece. Notes.

Stark, F. M. The Arab island. Knopf $2.50 **915.3**

As assistant information officer for the British Government, the author of this sensitive, impressionistic record of her activities and observations in the Middle East, 1939–43, interprets the nature of the modern Arab world and its spirit of nationalism, bound up with the ascension of the middle class and of the young "effendi" who represent it. In fine literary style and with pronounced sympathy for the Arab, Freya Stark describes her experiences in Arabia, Egypt, Transjordan and Palestine and the varied types of people she encountered there, the growth of "Brothers of Freedom" centers and of the democratic movement. Map, full-page photographs. Article on Iraq in appendix, index.

Sundborg, George. Opportunity in Alaska. Macmillan $2.50 **917.98**

Based on firsthand experience and careful research, this is an enthusiastic, timely survey of Alaska's potentialities for men and women "who want to make (not just find) useful and satisfying places for themselves on what is America's last great frontier." A general picture of the country, its climate, population and economy, is followed by specific accounts of opportunities in the forest industries, in agriculture, livestock raising, fishing, mining etc. and in trade, service and the professions. Brief notes on the character of the separate regions of the Territory and of northwestern Canada. Folding map, photographs. Classified information, selected bibliography, list of government agencies to consult for further information, index.

Biography

Dunn, E. C. Pursuit of understanding; autobiography of an education. Macmillan $2.50 **B** *or* **92**

Honest, perspicacious, humorous, this illuminating narrative "aims to show what learning and understanding, as they go on in the midst of living, really are." The author, distinguished professor of English in Smith College, begins with the day when, "a small

dazed fragment," she was plunged into the all-pervading solemnity of her first school and continues on through the delights and difficulties of school and college life into her teaching years, drawing from her rich storehouse of experience concrete incidents to vivify her comments and conclusions not only on student reactions to classroom ideas, but also on the teacher's role and on the meanings and values of education.

†**James, Marquis.** The Cherokee strip; a tale of an Oklahoma boyhood. Viking Press $3 **B** *or* **92**

From old Mr Howell, whose memory went back to Indian times, young Marquis James learned the history of the Cherokee Strip and odd tales about Oklahoma's settlement and from his lawyer-father stories about his own family background. In these easy, humorous, honest reminiscences of a typically American boyhood in a pioneer town, the distinguished biographer recalls his early delight in hunting and fishing, his financial responsibilities, his social life at Enid High School and his exciting role as a small-town newspaper reporter before leaving his familiar world to seek his fortune on the Coast. Map on end papers.

†**Mathews, J. J.** Talking to the moon. Univ. of Chicago Press $3 **B** *or* **92**

Pulling himself out of "the roaring river of civilization," John Mathews returned to his birthplace on the Oklahoma prairie where he built himself a little one-man house of native sandstone and for ten years witnessed the season's changes from the fickle Spring "Just-Doing-That Moon" and the "Planting Moon" to "Light-of-Day-Returns Moon" of the Osage calendar. In poetic phrases and with sensitive awareness, he writes of the poignant song of the wood thrush, of the mystical sunrise dance of the prairie chicken, of neighborly cooperation in the sparsely settled country, of Osage customs, stories and traditional dances. Excellent in format with black and white chapter heads and drawings.

Miller, Alice Duer. **Miller, H. W.** All our lives; Alice Duer Miller. Coward $3 **B** *or* **92**

In this gay and intimate portrait of the beautiful, talented Alice Duer Miller, her husband, Henry Miller, describes not only their long, happy years of companionship and understanding but also the formal social background of the popular novelist and her magnetic personality and versatility. Photographs.

Tolstoi, L. N. **Polner, T. I.** Tolstoy and his wife; tr. by Nicholas Wreden. Norton $2.75 **B** *or* **92**

Written by a contemporary and friend of the Tolstoys, this is at once an illuminating interpretive biography and an intimate, dramatic picture of the family life and philosophical development of the great Russian novelist. Beginning with the time when the dashing Count Lev Tolstoy appeared in Petersburg as "the rising star of Russian literature," his changing theories and writings, reflecting his many interests and activities, are sketched, while the clashes of temperament between Tolstoy and his essentially feminine, more practical wife are made understandable. Index.

†*White, W. A.* **Hinshaw, David.** A man from Kansas; the story of William Allen White. Putnam $3 **B** *or* **92**

Quoting freely from William Allen White's editorials in the *Emporia Gazette,* David Hinshaw, for many years a close friend and admirer of Mr White, presents a full, detailed and sympathetic biography of the distinguished Kansan, who was "probably the most influential American editor of his day." Sketching in his pioneer background and family heritage, the book pays tribute to White's excellent news sense and shows the development of his liberal political philosophy, the importance of his association with Theodore Roosevelt and his participation in national and world affairs. His personal qualities of friendliness, wit, tolerance, courage and high idealism are emphasized. Index.

Fiction

Clark, Valma. Horn of plenty. Duell $2.50

When Effie comes, a 15-year-old hired girl, to work on the Rathbone farm in upstate New York, she finds excitement and high romance in the big, fun-loving, quarrelsome family, headed by the wilful, domineering

patriarch, impulsive, prodigal old Shad. Through the years Effie is a devoted foster mother to the children and indispensable to Shad, and in these episodic chapters she is seen cleverly soothing and guiding conflicting temperaments, solving every kind of problem for the turbulent clan and refusing to leave the farm for tranquility and a home of her own as long as a single Rathbone remains to need her.

Harris, *Mrs* **B. K.** Sage quarter. Doubleday $2.50

Ever since Great-great-grandfather had come from England to find a quarter of land with waterbrooks and rich meadows, the Sages have lived in the North Carolina country. Now in the early 20th century the large family is implacably ruled by Nurmama, the 11-year-old twins' grandmother, who brings to naught the plans for freedom and happiness of the grown-ups and "frells" Ruby, the older, rebellious twin with a peach tree limb, while she lets Tiny, the undersized, delicate sister, off with Talks. It is through the eyes of Tiny as she grows out of childhood that the family drama is observed. An unusual novel, authentic in characterization and in the speech peculiar to the region.

Hartley, L. P. The west window. Doubleday $2.50

Skilful psychological study of the uneasy relationship between two English children, a delicate, apprehensive little boy, precociously aware of other people's feelings, and his efficient, jealously affectionate, tyrannical older sister. Touched with irony, comic and poignant by turns, the story unrolls in a series of fresh, revealing episodes as the children build sand castles on the beach, attend dancing class, go on a paper chase and become acquainted with Miss Fothergill, a rather frightening old lady who goes about in a bath chair.

Hobart, *Mrs* **A. T.** The peacock sheds his tail. Bobbs $2.75

Across the crowded pages of this colorful, panoramic novel, rich in atmosphere and in the depiction of native customs, scenes shift rapidly between Mexico City and the prosperous hacienda of the aristocratic, tradition-loving Navarros. In the romantic marriage of lovely Concha Navarro to "gringo" James Buchanan is epitomized the clash between the old and new elements in society, while in other characters, such as imperious Mamá Grande, Pablo, labor leader, and Guadalupe, an idealistic teacher, is symbolized the intense struggle for democracy that will come when "the peacock sheds his tail."

†**Idriess, I. L. & Moody, J. B.** Dog of the desert. Bobbs $2.50

How a funny little white mongrel dog, lost in the desert outside Alexandria, was picked up by two Australian Signal Corps men and, under the name of Horrie, became the mascot and pet of the platoon, and how the engaging, comical Horrie, because of his intelligence and adaptability, blossomed into a heroic war dog, so dear to his masters that they went to untold trouble and risk to smuggle him safely back to Australia in defiance of the order that all pets must be destroyed or left behind is related in an authentic, exciting narrative appealing to dog-lovers, young or old. Photographs.

Leslie, *Mrs* **J. A. C.** (*Mrs* **R. A. Dick,** *pseud.*). The ghost and Mrs. Muir. Ziff-Davis $2

When Lucy Muir, a pretty young widow, bent on living her own life at long last, flees from her domineering in-laws, she falls in love with Gull Cottage in an English coast town and rents the place, thus inheriting a ghost who has made things so disagreeable for previous tenants that none of them would stay in the haunted house. Though no one she has ever met has been on intimate terms with a ghost, Lucy soon finds herself hobnobbing with the gruff old sea captain and comes to depend on the old fellow in all the crises, emotional and financial, in her life. A diverting little tale with a very lively, very believable ghost.

Lothar, Ernst. The door opens; tr. by Marion A. Werner. Doubleday $2

With tenderness and a delicate perception of childhood's vivid response to sorrow and joy, a father relates "how the door into the world opened" to Agathe and Hanni, his two motherless little girls. Against the background of the gay, enchanting Vienna before the war, Agathe undergoes an "important" examination for entrance into the sec-

ond grade; with breathless excitement both Agathe and Hanni enter into the miracle of their first opera; Hans, the canary, warbles jubilantly for them all one summer and then dies; Christmas comes, and a first communion and a wedding. But when the children go on a skiing excursion it is the father who has a new experience, "for an empty nursery is the most meaningless thing in the world." Pen and ink sketches by Garth Williams.

Simonov, Konstantin. Days and nights; tr. from the Russian by Joseph Barnes. Simon $2.75

Brilliant, dramatic re-creation of the desperate defense of Stalingrad in the critical days and nights when it seemed likely that the Germans would break through to the Volga. Every aspect, every phase, every minute of the fighting and enduring is seen and felt through the mind and heart of the heroic Captain Saburov, as he and his men, "some brave, some grumbling, some afraid, but all of them with a kind of nobility inside them," come through to the great moment when a magnificent distant rumbling of artillery announces that the Russian offensive has started.

Standish, Robert, *pseud.* The small general. Macmillan $2.50

Many envious eyes are cast at the beautiful island where the rich and portly Sung raises mulberry trees for the propagation of silk worms and his beloved nine-year-old son, the Small General, is weighed down with his sense of responsibility in looking after an army of several thousand ducklings. This entertaining tale of 20th century China which follows the Small General to maturity and which introduces the saber-rattling Japanese is most amusing in the early chapters dealing with the wily elder Sung and his methods in circumventing the schemes of his rivals who seek to learn the secret of the island's great yield of silk.

Strode-Jackson, M. B. S. Tansy Taniard. Scribner $2.50

Like a fire the great news spreads through the Sussex countryside that Elizabeth, the Queen, is on Progress, and that Her Majesty is desirous of a new "whig." So spirited Tansy Taniard, a yeoman's daughter but of gentle blood, sacrifices her beautiful red-gold curls and presents Elizabeth not only with the resplendent headpiece, but also with her undying devotion. In the course of this lively, colorful historical romance, Tansy, awakened to the political and religious plots and counterplots engulfing England, has to choose between her loyalty to the imperiled Queen and her love for the dashing adventurous Count Rupert of Boscage, heir to French estates.

†**West, Jessamyn.** The friendly persuasion. Harcourt $2.50

Fourteen pungent, picturesque stories of 19th century Indiana, centering in the likable, quizzical Irish Quaker, Jess Birdwell, his capable preacher-wife and their six attractive children. Using the homespun colloquial speech of the period, the sketches humorously describe music-loving Jess's purchase of an organ, "a popish dido," an "Illumination" party when a gas plant is installed and other authentic happenings and customs. Some of the stories have appeared in magazines.

Mystery and Detective Stories

Allingham, Margery. Pearls before swine. (Crime club) Doubleday $2

Carr, J. D. (Carr Dickson, Carter Dickson, *pseuds.*). The curse of the bronze lamp. Morrow $2

Christie, Agatha. Remembered death. Dodd $2

Crofts, F. W. Enemy unseen. Dodd $2

Rinehart, *Mrs* **M. R.** The yellow room. (Murray hill mystery) Farrar $2.50

Walsh, Maurice. Nine strings to your bow. (Main line mysteries) Lippincott $2

Wilson, P. W. Black tarn. Farrar $2.50

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